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TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, PK

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR BHUTTO

REF: ISLAMABAD 5282

FOR CHARGE FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE INFORM BHUTTO THAT I AM DEEPLY SYMPATHETIC TO HIS HOPES FOR THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF HIS COUNTRY, WHICH HE HAS SHARED WITH SUCH CANDOR, AND TO HIS REQUIREMENTS IN THIS CONTEXT FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE. ALTHOUGH I CANNOT YET SAY HOW MUCH WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DURING FY 76 IN P.L. 480 WHEAT AND CCC CREDITS, YOU SHOULD ASSURE THE PRIME MINISTER THAT WE WILL BE AS RESPONSIVE AS OUR BUDGETARY SITUATION AND GRAIN AVAILABILITIES IN NEXT FISCAL YEAR PERMIT. IT IS THUS VERY TIMELY TO HAVE THIS ADVANCE WORD OF HOW PRIME MINISTER SEES PAKISTAN'S REQUIREMENTS.

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2. FYI: AS AMBASSADOR BYROADE ESTIMATED IN HIS TALK WITH BHUTTO, WE HAVE TENTATIVELY PROGRAMMED 500,000 TONS OF TITL I WHEAT FOR PAKISTAN IN FY 76. GIVEN BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, PRESENTLY ANTICIPATED GRAIN AVAILABILITIES, AND ALLOCATIONS TO OTHER IMPORTANT RECIPIENTS, WE CANNOT AT THIS TIME GO BEYOND THAT PLANNING LEVEL. THERE WILL BE PERIODIC REVIEWS AS THE CROP PICTURE BECOMES CLEARER, AND WE WILL OF COURSE

BEAR IN MIND PAKISTAN'S NEEDS AND THE IMPORTANCE FOR OUR RELATIONS OF DOING MORE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

3. WE HAVE SOUNDED OUT USDA ON THE PROSPECTS FOR CCC CREDITS FOR PAKISTAN IN FY 76 AND THE INITIAL REACTION HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING. CCC FACES BUDGET CONSTRAINT BUT HOPES FOR OMB APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO FINANCE AS MUCH AS 300,000 TONS OF WHEAT (WITH INITIAL 100,000 TONS IN FIRST QUARTER) AND 40,000 TONS OF VEGOIL. WE ARE PURSUING THIS WITH USDA AND HOPE TO HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION FOR YOU SHORTLY. GIVEN THE TENTATIVE NATURE OF THE ABOVE, YOU SHOULD NOT GIVE BHUTTO ANY INDICATION OF THESE PROSPECTS AT THIS TIME. END FYI. KISSINGER

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